

ROHO[®]

PROFILE



Ian Rice

Age: 29

Education: BS Psychology - University of Illinois, MS Occupational Therapy-Washington University St. Louis, PhD student, University of Pittsburgh

Occupation: Doctoral student and Paralympic Athlete

Diagnosis: C7-8 Quadriplegia
x 12 years

Hobbies: Road racing, track, wheelchair rugby

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Product Details:

The ROHO CONTOUR SELECT cushion is a pre-contoured cushion that maximizes function, stability and skin protection. Its unique shape combined with the patented ISOFLO Memory Control Unit helps maintain lower extremity position and pelvic stability throughout the day.

Ian and his ROHO® CONTOUR SELECT™ Wheelchair Cushion

Ever since he was young, Ian's competitive drive has been strong. The St. Louis native was a premier, competitive gymnast before an accident left him quadriplegic in 1993. Upon leaving rehab, he set himself on course to become an Olympic-caliber athlete again. Ian qualified and competed in both the Sydney 2000 Paralympic games as well as the Athens 2004 Paralympic games. In Athens, he participated in events including the marathon and the 100 meter sprint, in which he placed fourth. Back in the States, he has won many races, including five marathons in Chicago, Columbus and Detroit. He really feels the need for speed! Ian also plays wheelchair rugby, and recently helped his team qualify for the 2005 National Championships! Of course, his life is not just fun and games. These days, Ian spends his time in the Assistive Technology Center at University of Pittsburgh studying wheelchair propulsion mechanics and working to finish his PhD. With his busy schedule, Ian does not want to be bothered with his equipment and expects it to perform optimally day in and day out.



For his demanding lifestyle, Ian requires the ultimate in performance, stability and positioning, and that's why he chose the ROHO CONTOUR SELECT for his ultralight wheelchair. After years of trying contoured foam, foam and air hybrids and the ROHO® LOW PROFILE®, he opted for the CONTOUR SELECT. This cushion provided Ian aggressive positioning and stability while still giving him optimal pressure distribution and comfort. After switching to the CONTOUR SELECT, he saw an immediate improvement in his posture and balance. Ian said, "It really is amazing how dramatically it has improved my balance and comfort. Because of this cushion I can actually raise both of my arms over my head without losing control, which I haven't been able to do for years." The ISOFLO® Memory Control™ Unit can be adjusted 'on the fly,' allowing Ian to change his position and level of support as his needs change throughout the day, adding to his endurance and allowing him to stay as active as possible. And if you have ever had to spend any time in the hilly terrain of Pittsburgh, extra endurance and stability come in handy!

Ian plans on completing his PhD work in the next year, continue his training for 10K races and marathons as well as playing wheelchair rugby. He is also thinking about trying out hand cycling, so all you hand cycle racers had better look out ! Thanks to his CONTOUR SELECT, he will have one less thing to slow him down.



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